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Update on Israeli-Syrian Tensions

Defense Minister Arens told Ambassador Lewis on Monday that Israel was reaching the limit of its tolerance on PLO attacks and was working on contingency plans for action against the PLO.

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-- Arens repeated earlier Israeli charges that the PLO incidents were instigated by the Syrians and said the Israelis believe there now are 900 PLO members in West Beirut.

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Israeli concern about these activities will be intensified by the reported bombing of Israeli troops in Beirut this morning. We cannot confirm press reports that three Israelis were killed.

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